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City of Barrie

Final

International Relations Committee

Tuesday, April 5, 2022 | **6:00 PM** | **Virtual Meeting**

For consideration by the Finance and Corporate Services Committee on April 26, 2022.

The meeting was called to order by Chair, D. Morrison at 6:01 p.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

Present: 17 -
Chairman D. Morrison - Arras France
Deputy Mayor B. Ward
Lieutenant Colonel J M Brault - Base Borden
Vice Chair M. Sachkiw - Japan Twinning
J. Babcock - Youth Ambassadors
B. Brookes - The Borough of Harrogate
C. Cudmore - Arras France
R. Gardiner - Japan Twinning
T. Gardiner - Japan Twinning
L. Lalonde - Arras France
L. LeRoux - The Borough of Harrogate
R. LeRoux - The Borough of Harrogate
H. Noguchi - Japan Twinning
J. M. Pigeon - German Twinning
P. Sachkiw - Japan Twinning
B. Sergeant - The Borough of Harrogate
S. Scully-Pratt - Youth Ambassadors

Absent: 5 -
I. Jodoin - Arras France
G. Johnston - Japan Twinning
J. Laking - German Twinning
L. Palson - Georgian College
K. Shirakura - Georgian College

STAFF:
Committee Support Clerk, T. Maynard.

The International Relations Committee met and reports as follows:

COMMITTEE BUDGET UPDATE

D. Morrison provided an update concerning the Committee's budget.

MURAYAMA, JAPAN UPDATE

Mark Sachkiw provided an update concerning Murayama, Japan. He explained that plans are to host a citizens group from Murayama, Japan in 2023.

Mr. Sachkiw thanked Hiromi Noguchi for providing communication aid for the representatives in Murayama, Japan during their recent conversations.

Mark Sachkiw assumed the Chair at 6:15 p.m.

YOUTH AMBASSADORS UPDATE

Dave Morrison, Chair provided details concerning the Global Perspectives program and the past financial support provided by the Committee for events, such as youth delegation goodbye parties. He explained that events such as the goodbye party provides an opportunity to recognize and appreciate those local families and members of the community who are involved with the Youth Ambassador Program.

That the Committee approved an expenditure of funds from the International Relations Committee budget #1026 660200 for the Global Perspectives program of up to $2,000.00 in an effort to support and to maintain the existing international relationship initiatives.

Mr. Morrison acknowledged Jeff Toole and Jamie Babcock for their extraordinary work maintaining the Global Perspectives program for students at Innisdale Secondary School during the COVID-19 pandemic and travel ban.

Jamie Babcock advised that he is waiting on final approval concerning student travel for the Global Perspectives Program from the Simcoe County District School Board for the 2022/2023 school year.

Shannon Scully-Pratt provided an update concerning the bookmarks for the Committee. The members of the sub-committee provided her with their preference of images to be printed on the bookmarks.

Dave Morrison provided an update concerning the Committee's membership and the vacancy of a representative from the Youth Ambassador Sub-Committee. Mr. Morrison suggested appointing Ciaran Byles-Ho to the Committee to fill the Youth Ambassador Sub-Committee vacancy. The

Committee discussed this and provided their feedback to Mr. Morrison.

The International Relations Committee approves the appointment of Ciaran Byles-Ho to the IRC Committee as a representative of the Youth Ambassador Sub-Committee for the remainder of the current term.

Dave Morrison, Chair resumed the Chair at 6:25 p.m.

GERMAN TWINNING AND GERMAN CANADIAN CLUB UPDATE

Jean Maurice Pigeon provided an update concerning German Twinning and the German Canadian Club.

Mr. Pigeon advised that preparations are taking place to host an official delegation and tourist group from Zweibrücken, Germany between September 4th to September 14th, 2022 to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the twinning relationship between the two municipalities

He explained that the German sub-committee are still searching for host families for the delegation.

The Committee approved an expenditure of funds from the International Relations Committee budget #1026 660200 in an amount not to exceed $14,000.00 to cover hotel, admissions and transportation costs associated with hosting seven official delegates from Zweibrücken, Germany in September, 2022.

Mark Sachkiw, Vice-Chair assumed the Chair at 6:30 p.m.

HARROGATE, NORTH YORKSHIRE UNITED KINGDOM UPDATE

Bill Sergeant advised that there was nothing new to report concerning Harrogate, United Kingdom.

Dave Morrison, Chair explained that Mark and Patti Sachkiw are traveling to Zweibrücken, Germany in May, 2022, as well as visiting Arras, France and Harrogate, United Kingdom to continue to promote and build a relationship between the partner cities

The Committee approved an expenditure in amount up to $1500.00 from the International Relations Committee budget 1026 660200 to cover costs incurred by Mark and Patti Sachkiw while visiting our Partner Cities Arras France and Harrogate, United Kingdom.

Dave Morrison, Chair resumed the Chair at 6:40 p.m.

ARRAS, FRANCE UPDATE

Dave Morrison provided an update concerning Arras, France.

SIR ROBERT BARRIE PROJECT UPDATE

Bill Sergeant provided an update concerning the Sir Robert Barrie Project. He explained that the Sir Robert Barrie Committee are still waiting on quotes for the framing of the donated HMCS Barrie ship ensign.

Mr. Sergeant mentioned that SRB Committee are intending to provide a presentation at a future City Council meeting regarding HMCS Barrie Ship ensign.

Mr. Sergeant announced that Jean Maurice Pigeon is Chair of the Sir Robert Barrie Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

CHAIRMAN